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In re Application of: Kenneth M. Buckland et al.  
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.